

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

KOKUBUN et al

Serial No.: 10/649,695

Filed: August 28, 2003

For: OPTICAL WAVEGUIDE AND METHOD  
OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

) Conf. No. 6765

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) Examiner: Lisa Herring

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF JULY 7, 2005

Commissioner for Patents  
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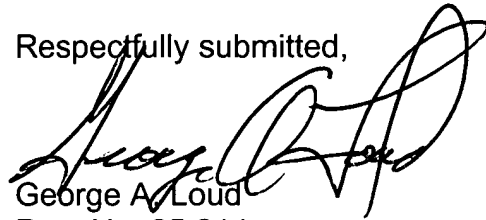
Sir:

Responsive to the office action of July 7, 2005, applicants, by their undersigned attorney, hereby elect Group I (claims 1-20) and elect, as a species within the elected group, Species A. It is respectfully submitted that all of claims 1-20 would fall within the examiner's definition of "Species A".

The requirement for election of species is respectfully traversed because there is no distinction between Species A on the one hand and Species B or Species C on the other, as the examiner acknowledges, "Species A is a generic core layer." As such, Species A includes (reads on) both Species B and Species C.

Reconsideration of the requirement for election of species is requested to the extent indicated above.

Respectfully submitted,



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